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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF REGIONAL PERSONNEL

REF: BEIRUT 11869 (NOTAL)

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED RELOCA-

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TION ALTERNATIVES WITH RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES

AND OTHER AGENCIES. TENTATIVE RELOCATION PLAN IS OUTLINED BELOW. MINDFUL OF DIFFICULTIES WHICH SOME POSTS BELIEVE ARE PRESENTED BY REGIONAL PERSONNEL WITHOUT DIRECT BILATERAL RESPONSIBILITY, DEPARTMENT HAS SOUGHT TO ARRANGE FOR DISPERSAL IN EQUITABLE AND EFFECTIVE MANNER WITH MINIMUM ADVERSE IMPACT.

2. UNDER RELOCATION PLAN, THE FOLLOWING POSTS WOULD RECEIVE REGIONAL PERSONNEL: A) TEHRAN: ONE SECURITY OFFICER AND ONE SEABEE (EMBASSY APPROVAL WAS CONFIRMED IN STATE 235832). REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS, TAKING ACCOUNT OF FACT THAT COMMO PERSONNEL WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT EMBASSY ACTIVITIES. B) KUWAIT: TWO REGIONAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS; ONE REGIONAL LABOR ATTACHE; AND ONE USIA REGIONAL ARABIC PROGRAMMER (REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS ON ALL THREE CATEGORIES). C) CAIRO: BY SEPTTEL EMBASSY CAIRO WILL BE REQUESTED TO EXPLORE WITH GOE TRANSFER OF 26 MEMBER FSI ARABIC LANGUAGE SCHOOL. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS HOUSING SHORTAGE WILL POSTPONE TRANSFER SCHOOL FOR 3-6 MONTHS. D) KARACHI: 3-MEMBER REGIONAL MARINE OFFICE, REGIONAL SECURITY SUPERVISOR, AND RSS SECRETARY (EMBASSY/CONGEN

APPROVED IN ISLAMABAD 9411). E) ATHENS: ONE TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICER (APPROVED IN ATHENS 7457). F) TUNIS: ONE REGIONAL USIA LIBRARIAN (REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS; WOULD HOPE SPECIAL EFFORTS COULD BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE THIS POSITION); AND TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION OF FSI ARABIC SCHOOL DISCUSSED SEPTTEL. (FYI: FOR OPERATIONAL AND COST REASONS SY HAS DECIDED ON CASABLANCA OVER TUNIS FOR TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICE.) G) JIDDA OR BAHRAIN: PROPOSE ONE FOREIGN AREA STUDIES OFFICER (USMC MAJOR) WHO HAS BEEN STUDYING ARABIC LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN BEIRUT FOR TEN MONTHS (REQUEST COMMENTS FROM BOTH EMBASSIES). H) CASABLANCA: TWO TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICERS AND TWO SEABEES (RABAT 04964). I) FOLLOWING WOULD REMAIN IN BEIRUT: ONE TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICER, ONE SEABEE (BEIRUT 12153), ONE VOA MIDDLE EAST NEWS BUREAU CORRESPONDENT, FIVE-MEMBER USIA REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER. J) FOLLOWING OFFICIALS WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO WASHINGTON AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE: CONFIDENTIAL

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SECOND MEMBER OF VOA OFFICE, AND MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND OFFICER. K) RELOCATION OF FIVE COMMUNICATIONS AND TWO AGRICULTURE PERSONNEL, 3 FAA, ONE CAA, AND GEOGRAPHIC ATTACHE WILL BE TREATED LATER.

3. SECURITY PERSONNEL (SY, MARINE OFFICE, SEABEES) SHOULD NOW BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR TRANSFER. TELEGRAPHIC TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS FOLLOW.

4. DEPARTMENT PROCEEDING WITH RELOCATION OF SECURITY
PERSONNEL, PER PARA 3. REQUEST BEIRUT'S COMMENTS RE
WHICH OF OTHER ELEMENTS SHOULD MOVE FIRST, AND WHEN.
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